

REMARKS

New main claim 24 differs from the previous main claim 14 by reciting that:

1. the server stores and schedules the event date and the reminder date for future action;
2. the server, by the reminder date, automatically searches the databases by the event date; and
3. the server, by the reminder date, automatically displays the search results on the terminal display.

The Examiner correctly noted that it is known to enter dates in a computer running the calendar program of Microsoft Outlook. However, as claim 24 recites, these dates are stored and scheduled, and by the reminder date, two actions are automatically performed. First, the server automatically searches the databases for potential suppliers by the event date, and secondly, the server automatically displays the search results on the user's terminal. These automatic functions are not performed by Microsoft Outlook, or by the art of record.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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